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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

22511

PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

COUPLING MEMBER FOR USE IN A SYSTEM WITH FLOWING FLUID COMPRISING  
INTEGRAL LOCKING TONGUES FOR ENGAGING WING E.G. AN ANNULAR  
GROOVE

the specification of which was filed on October 31, 2003 as Application No.  
PCT/NO2003/000366.

In the event that the filing date and/or Application No. are not entered above at the time I execute this document, and if such information is deemed necessary, I hereby authorize and request my attorneys/agent(s) at Osha · Liang LLP, 1221 McKinney St., Suite 2800, Houston, Texas 77010, to insert above the filing date and/or Application No. of said application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by an amendment, if any, specifically referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

- no such foreign applications have been filed  
 such foreign application have been filed as follows:

**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

| Application Number | Country | Date of Filing   | Priority Claimed<br>Under 35 USC 119                                      |
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| NO20025234         | NO      | October 31, 2002 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No _____ |
|                    |         |                  | _____ Yes _____ No _____  |
|                    |         |                  | _____ Yes _____ No _____  |

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS  
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS**

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(e), of any United States provisional patent application(s) listed below:

- no such U.S. provisional applications have been filed.
- such U.S. provisional application have been filed as follows:

| Application Number | Date of Filing | Priority Claimed<br>Under 35 USC 119 |
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|                    |                | _____ Yes _____ No _____             |
|                    |                | _____ Yes _____ No _____             |

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S)**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of the United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information that is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available to me between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

- no such U.S./PCT applications have been filed.
- such U.S./PCT application have been filed as follows:

| Application Number | Relationship | Parent Application | Date of Filing |
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint:

All practitioners at Customer Number 22511

all of **Osha · Liang LLP**, 1221 McKinney St., Suite 2800, Houston, Texas 77010, jointly, and each of them severally, my attorneys at law/patent agent(s), with full power of substitution, delegation and revocation, to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. attorney or agent named herein to accept and follow instructions from Raufoss United SA as to any action to be taken in the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorney or agent and the undersigned. In the event of a change in the persons from whom instructions may be taken, the U.S. attorney or agent named herein will be so notified by the undersigned.

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